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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement upon passage of the DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 5175) by the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation passed the House today by a vote of 219-206. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) authored H.R. 5175 to require special interest groups to disclose their participation in American elections in response to the Supreme Court’s decision on Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission (FEC), which allows for unlimited corporate spending in federal elections.

“This legislation protects our democracy and the integrity of our elections from the corrupting influence of unrestricted and unlimited corporate campaign money. Corporate CEOs who want to influence the outcome of elections will need to show their faces to the public and put their corporations’ reputations on the line,” said McCollum. “There should never be a veil of secrecy in an open democracy, which is why full disclosure of all special interest money in federal elections is need.”

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the U.S. House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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